

TRAINS SWEEP FROM THE TRACKS BY AN AVALANCHE

Several Accidents of Kind in Mountains of the Northwest.

IS WORST IN HISTORY

From Many Towns Come Stories of Fatal Accidents—Floods Stop Traffic.

Everett, Wash., March 2.—Superintendent O'Neill of the Great Northern, who is directing the relief work in the mountains, telegraphs 60 lives were lost in avalanches.

Confirm Earlier Reports. Everett, Wash., March 2.—Today's dispatches confirm last night's report of the overwhelming of Great Northern passenger trains by the avalanche at Wellington. A portion of the town of Wellington and the west portal of the Cascade tunnel were swept down the mountain with the train. Estimates now place the known dead at 23 and the missing at 25 more. There are probably a score of injured.

Trains at Depot. The two trains were at the depot when the avalanche came down the mountain. The great mass swept everything before it, carrying all to the foot of the mountain. The first news of the disaster was brought by John Wentzel of Wellington who reached Skykomish exhausted after several hours of hard travel through snow, ice and debris swept from the mountain tops. He says those who escaped serious injury and others not in the path of the slide started the work of rescue at once.

Rush Aid From Everett. Men carried women and children from the partially buried coaches. Many of these were injured and were given the best of attention possible under the circumstances. Messages telling of the disaster were sent to Everett and relief trains carrying physicians were dispatched. It is stated now that 40 persons were on the trains when struck by the slide.

It will be impossible to reach the scene of the wreck today except by foot. From the east side of the Cascades the approach is cut off by a snow slide at Drury which destroyed the station and killed Watchman Johnson. Cars fell 150 feet and were buried by debris.

Town Not Destroyed. The town of Wellington and the Great Northern power house were not destroyed as reported. The weather in the mountains is warm and the rescue parties are in constant peril from snow slides.

Stalled Nearly a Week. Seattle, Wash., March 2.—John S. Rogers of this city reached Seattle last night. He was on one of the snowbound trains at Wellington, but was one of those who waited for relief and walked to Skykomish. He says the trains were stalled at the east portal of the Cascade tunnel last Wednesday. Friday night they moved through the tunnel and as far as Wellington, half a mile beyond the west portal of the tunnel.

Snow and Winds Continuous. Sunday there were slides of snow that did some damage. Snow and terrific winds were almost continuous and Monday night eight passengers decided to walk to Skykomish. The others remained at Wellington, where the disaster overtook them yesterday.

Rivers Raging Torrents.

Seattle, Wash., March 2.—Water from melting snows in the mountains, augmented by local rains, made raging torrents of all streams in central

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WHEAT CROP BIG, IS PREDICTION OF JAS. PATTEN

New York, March 2.—July 1 was the time limit which James A. Patten, the Chicago wheat operator, set upon his active operations in the markets. He would, Patten said today before sailing for Europe on the Mauretania, continue to keep in touch with the markets because of the long time interests he had in them. Patten said: "I have heard a good many reports as to whether it would be possible to garner wheat this year. I don't think it would be possible. In my success I took advantage of certain conditions and I had the good fortune to get in right. "One thing I want to say before leaving. I see that reports from Kansas say there will be a short wheat crop. From my information and observation the wheat crop will be a big one and the wheat market may look for an era of prosperity."

CONGRESS' HELP TO ROCKEFELLER

But Object Is to Give Away the Wealth of Oil Magnate, Not to Add to It.

BILL BEFORE THE SENATE

Foundation Plan Designed to Promote the Welfare of People of United States.

Washington, March 2.—The Rockefeller foundation is incorporated by a bill introduced in the senate today. It is understood the purpose is to provide a method for John D. Rockefeller to dispose of his enormous wealth in a manner beneficial to mankind.

To Advance Well Being. The Rockefeller foundation, according to the bill, is organized to promote the well being and advance the civilization of the people of the United States and its possessions in foreign lands, and for the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge, for the pro-

MORE FUEL ON THE FIRE

Taft Letter Said to Praise Cannon and Aldrich

AND RAP INSURGENTS

Blames Latter for Prospective Democratic Majority in Congress.

Washington, March 2.—A letter praising Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon and deriding the insurgent republicans in congress, which President Taft is said to have written to Lucius B. Swift of Indianapolis, may

AN EPIDEMIC OF HIGH PRICES ON

Hogs and Mess Port Perform New Fancy Stunts in the Chicago Market.

HIGH RECORD FOR BOTH

Live Animals Sell Above \$10 and July Meat Above \$25—May Also Takes Spurt.

Chicago, March 2.—An epidemic of advancing prices characterized the early market today. Cattle were marked up 10 to 15 cents at the opening, sheep and lambs were 10 cents higher and live hogs went beyond the 1870 record, reaching \$10.10 for choice heavy, while the bulk made a mark of an even \$10.

July Pork at Top. On the provisions side July pork reached the top, \$25.10, an increase of 2 1/2 cents over yesterday, and outstripping the May option which was

LEGISLATURE ENDS WORK; COMMISSION BILL SAVED

stayed by fire yesterday. Three employees were burned to death—Engineer J. Stephens, Fireman J. G. Smith and Brakeman Harry Russell.

MANY HOMELESS IN FLOODS IN OHIO

Conditions Improve in Places, but Grow Worse in Others—Traffic Is Impeded.

Cleveland, March 2.—Fully a thousand persons are homeless and other thousands are living on the second floor of their homes, traffic impeded and business demoralized in many places, is the situation in Ohio today as a result of floods. While the high water has receded somewhat in most of the river valleys, yet in others the danger still remains, caused by ice gorges.

TROLLEY CARS MEET IN FOG

Both Motormen Fatally Hurt in Collision at Springfield, Mo.

Springfield, Mo., March 2.—Running at a high rate of speed in a dense fog, two trolley cars collided head on today, and both the motorman, Joseph Aaron, and George Sherman were fatally injured. The passengers escaped serious injury.

Bad Accident at Flora, Ill.

Flora, Ill., March 2.—Two trainmen were killed and two fatally hurt when a double header passenger train on the Baltimore & Ohio ran into the rear of a freight here today. The dead:

CON LYNCH, engineer.
CLARENCE ALBIN, fireman.
Fatally injured:
Charles W. Bamber, engineer.
Charles Lucas, conductor, all of the passenger train.
None of the passengers was hurt.

ADOPT COMMISSION FORM

New City Rule Is Victor in Abilene, Kan., Four to One.

Abilene, Kan., March 2.—The commission form of government was voted in by a majority of four to one here yesterday. Less than one-third of the registered vote was cast. The legality of the election will probably be tested in court.

Fort Pierre, S. D., March 2.—Fort Pierre yesterday rejected the commission plan of government by a majority of 16.

Grand Forks, N. D., March 2.—At a special election yesterday Grand Forks rejected the commission plan of government by a majority of 49 out of a total vote of 967. About one-third of the city's normal vote was cast.

MAGNET RECOVERS NAILS

Cargo of Kegs Taken from Sunk Steamship in Mississippi.

New Orleans, La., March 2.—An ingenious method has been adopted for the recovery of a cargo of nails which went down on a sinking steamboat here a few weeks ago. A huge electric magnet, attached to hoisting gear is lowered in the water. The electric current is turned on, and the kegs of nails are hoisted out, one by one, clinging to the magnet.

Georgia Posse Lynches Negro.

Vidalia, Ga., March 2.—C. H. Mann, Jr., of Cedar Crossing was fatally stabbed by a negro, whose name has not been learned, who entered the Mann home yesterday and attacked by a posse, captured and lynched.

Morocco Submits to France.

Fez, March 2.—The sultan has signed the accord with France, obligating Morocco to pay \$12,000,000 as indemnity and damages arising out of the Casa Blanca affair.

Ex-Consul J. M. Ayers Dies.

Johnson City, Tenn., March 2.—Dr. J. M. Ayers, former United States consul to the Argentine Republic, appointed by President McKinley, died at his home here Monday night, aged 72 years. He was a native of Ohio.

GARVEN WILL ASK DENEEN TO YIELD PACKERS

New York, March 2.—Prosecutor Garven believes most of the indicted meat packers have been in the state within two years and he will try to get all the defendants here. "When Governor Fort signs requisition papers," said Garven, "I shall go personally before Governor Deneen of Illinois and request him to sign extradition papers so that the men can be brought here."

Sheriff Kelley today received cap-

as for the individuals and summons for the corporations named in the indictment in the packing cases. The sheriff will bring all those within his jurisdiction into court.

Beef Jury Adjourns.

Chicago, March 2.—The federal grand jury, which has been investigating the alleged "beef trust," today adjourned till March 14.

Senate Recedes From Amendments Which House Rejected.

LEFT TO GOVERNOR

House Asks Joint Committee to Investigate Waterway and Make Report.

Springfield, Ill., March 2.—

Both houses of the legislature adjourned sine die at noon, though a perfunctory session will be held tonight so that the governor will have all bills before final adjournment.

Both houses cleared up the business early in the day.

DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

A protest declaring the recently passed primary bills unconstitutional was filed in the senate.

The house adopted a resolution for a joint committee to investigate waterways and report at the next regular session.

SAVES COMMISSION BILL.

The senate voted to recede from the senate amendments to the house bill for a commission form of municipal government. The bill now goes to the governor.

Waterway Bill Dies.

Springfield, Ill., March 2.—The Schmitt deep waterway bill, destined and urged by Governor Deneen and the state administration forces, was defeated upon the floor of the house last night. There were 36 votes for the bill and 67 against it. In the absent or not voting column are 48 members of the lower house.

William Lorimer, by the Schmitt bill roll call, may think that he has reasserted his ownership of the Illinois general assembly, but there are several men in Springfield who believe the senator has received as serious a home thrust as has the governor.

Three of the main stems of Governor Deneen's special session call were expurgated from the state records and the next issue of session laws by the work of the house yesterday. These are enumerated as follows:

The waterway bill absolutely killed. The elections bill slaughtered. The commission form of government bill anaesthetized.

One Redemptive Feature Claimed.

One redeeming feature is claimed by the house of representatives, the passage of the joint resolution concerning the income tax amendment to the federal constitution. Even this is in question, as the resolution received only 70 votes, more than a constitutional majority, but less than a two-thirds vote of the membership of the house.

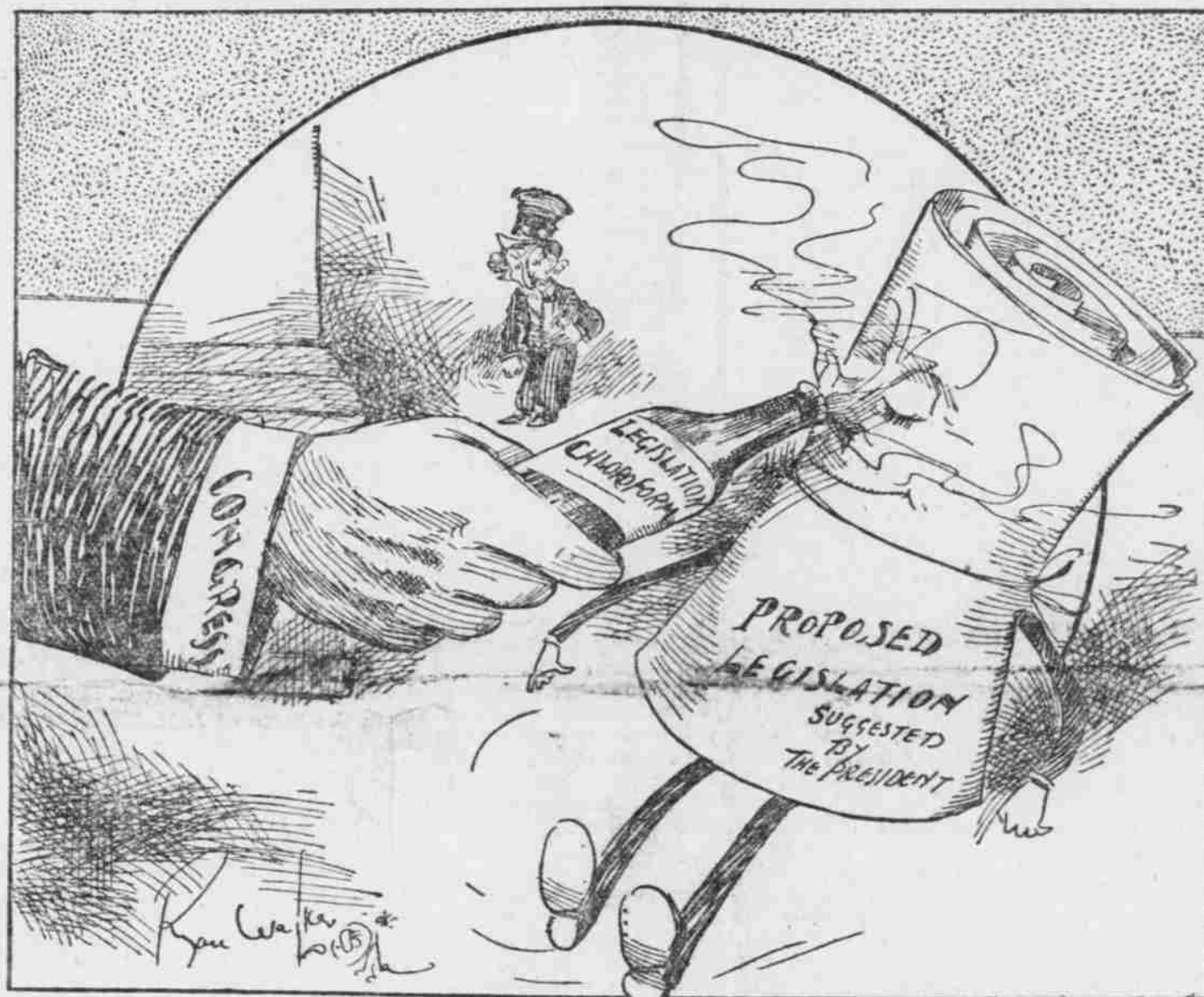
The commission form of government bill was defeated in the legislature yesterday. The roll call follows: 96 for the bill to 11 against, 66 not voting, lacking one vote of a constitutional majority. Representative Foster changed his vote to nay and gave notice he would ask for a reconsideration this morning.

The commission form conference committee met yesterday and selected Senator Barr chairman and Representative Butts secretary. At the morning meeting of the committee nothing was accomplished except the withdrawal upon motion of Senator Dailley of the senate amendments. These were the so-called corporation amendments, and the amendment fixing the recall of 40 per cent. At the afternoon meeting an attempt to exempt franchises in the initiative section was defeated. Section No. 9, in which is incorporated the so-called "90 day clause" was made a subject of considerable dispute. It was finally amended so as to permit officials in office at the time of the adoption of the act to remain in office until the commissioners elected have qualified. Quite an interesting debate occupied the committee for some time over the percentage of recall.

ARMED BANDITS IN CHICAGO STREET

Chicago, March 2.—In true western style, two armed bandits held up F. A. Racine, driver of an Adams Express company wagon, a short distance from the union station today and robbed him of \$35—all he had on his person. The robbers are believed to have been of the impression it was a money wagon and to have planned to make a big haul. The wagon, however, was empty. The robbers escaped.

About All The Congress Has Done This Session



vention and relief of suffering and the promotion of any kind of human knowledge.

Has Given Away \$52,000,000.

It was stated by Senator Gallinger today Rockefeller already had given away \$52,000,000 and that he was seeking a method of disposing of his fortune so it would benefit mankind.

Would Make Trust Men Fugitives.

Washington, March 2.—A bill which, if passed, would declare the members of the "beef trust," recently indicted in New Jersey, fugitives from justice and compel their extradition to New Jersey to stand trial for alleged illegal combination and monopoly, was introduced yesterday by Representative Henry (democrat) of Texas, a member of the house judiciary committee.

"The individuals composing the beef trust who have been indicted by a New Jersey grand jury," said Mr. Henry, "are endeavoring to hide behind the proposition that they have transacted no business in the state of New Jersey, and, therefore, could not have committed a crime there because they were not personally present. This is an old dodge, an elusive method of escaping punishment."

Wants Courts' Power Curbed.

The Henry bill provides that the demand of an executive authority of one state upon that of another state, and accompanied by a copy of an indictment or affidavit, shall be "indisputable proof" for the authorities to act upon. It also provides that the order for the arrest of a person wanted under those conditions "shall not be inquired into, modified, disputed, or invalidated in any court of the state or territory to which such person has fled, nor shall any such court or tribunal have any power to release such person."

MURDER SUSPECT SUICIDE

Annet Olson Hangs Himself in Cell at Alexandria, Minn.

Alexandria, Minn., March 2.—Annet Olson, one of the brothers held for the murder of George Traar, a brother-in-law, Christmas night, closed the investigation of the grand jury insofar as he was personally concerned by hanging himself in a cell in the jail here today.

IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Estelle Stout, Who Shot Picture Solicitor at Chicago, Goes Free.

Chicago, March 2.—Estelle Stout was acquitted of the charge of murder by a jury in Judge Baldwin's court yesterday. Miss Stout was charged with the murder of Henry Hornberger, a pastel portrait solicitor, at the home of her brother-in-law, George Chambers, 2045 West Adams street, Dec. 6, 1908.

TIE INSPECTOR A ROBBER?

Employee of B. & O. Arrested on a Charge of Taking \$6,792.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 2.—G. T. Carpenter, tie inspector on the Baltimore & Ohio, was arrested here today charged with complicity in the robbery of \$6,792 from the United States Express company's safe Saturday night.

Rock River Open at Janesville.

Janesville, Wis., March 2.—Henry Spohn, aged 75, committed suicide yesterday by jumping into Rock river.

stir up a row in republican ranks in congress and throughout the central west where insurgency is rife.

Entitled to Praise.

According to report, the president in the letter takes the position that both Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon are entitled to just praise for their services to the country as legislators, especially the former. Of Speaker Cannon, the president is understood to have said that, while he does not merit, perhaps, the eulogy given Senator Aldrich, at the same time he is not deserving of the criticisms against him made by the insurgents.

Insurgents Menace Party.

It is further understood that the president states in the letter that the result of insurgency may, in his opinion, be a democratic house of representatives. It is understood further that some names of prominent insurgents in the house and senate appear in the text of the letter. What occasioned the writing of such a letter is not yet made public.

STATE POLICE IS TAKEN FROM CITY

Absence of Rioting for a Day in Philadelphia Car Strike Leads to Action.

Philadelphia, March 2.—With the withdrawal yesterday of the last detachment of state police on duty here and the discharge from further strike service of the State Penitentiaries, this city gave up the only evidence of martial law which has existed here since the street car men's strike began 11 days ago.

To fill the place of the state troops a special cavalry force was organized by the city authorities. Up to a late hour last night no disorder had been reported during the day.

Work of Day in Congress

Washington, March 2.—Following is a summary of the proceedings of the two houses of congress yesterday, taken from the official records:

SENATE.—The senate passed several bills, including private pensions and providing for new public buildings throughout the country. After a session of two hours the senate adjourned today.

HOUSE.—The postoffice appropriation bill was under consideration for five hours in the house and adjournment was taken today.

quoted at \$25.

Makes Another Spurt.

Later in the day May pork advanced to \$25.27 1/2, while July went to \$25.22 1/2. The market, however, closed at \$25.10 for May and \$25.05 for July.

ALL HONORS FOR ROOSEVELT PARTY

Enthusiastic Receptions Held at All Points Along Nile Where Stops Are Made.

Gondokoro, Sudan, March 2.—Reports from points along the route followed by the Roosevelt party tell of enthusiastic receptions wherever the party stop. Special honors are accorded the party by natives and officials everywhere, and details of especially selected soldiers escort them about the towns they visit.

ONLY REMNANT LEFT WITH INSURGENTS

One Story Has It That Defeats Have Broken Hope of Nicaraguan Rebels.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, March 2.—Deserters from Mena's force who have surrendered to the government division at Acayapa, state Chamorro arrived at San Vincente yesterday with 60 horsemen, the remnant of an army of 1,500 with which he reached Tisaman. They also state when Mena and Zeddon learned of the disaster to the insurgents at Tipitapa and Tisaman, they decided to abandon their positions and retreat to Rama. Vasquez now probably occupies San Vincente.

POSTPONE IT FOR A YEAR

American Exposition in Berlin Goes Over by Action of Directors.

Berlin, March 2.—The German directors of the American exposition today decided to accept the suggestion given the commissioners that the date of the exhibition be postponed to 1911.

Y. M. C. A. Burns; Three Dead.

Schenectady, N. Y., March 2.—The Railroad Y. M. C. A. building at Rotterdam Junction, belonging to the Boston and Maine railroad, was destroyed by fire yesterday.